



1746
JH
PATENT
0465-0838P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: In Chul JEONG et al. Conf.: 5490
Appl. No.: 10/052,553 Group: 1746
Filed: January 23, 2002 Examiner: STINSON, Frankie
For: PULSATOR TYPE WASHING MACHINE WITH
DRYING FUNCTION

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 13, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the enclosed "Amendments to the Claims" section of the Amendment filed on September 2, 2004, and provides the following remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Upon receipt of this Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant telephoned the Legal Instrument Examiner who prepared the Notice and was informed that the only acceptable status identifiers for withdrawn claims are "Withdrawn" or "Withdrawn -Currently Amended."

Applicants respectfully submits that this practice is inconsistent with MPEP §714, which indicates that "Withdrawn" and "Currently Amended" and "Previously Presented" and "Original" are all acceptable status identifiers. Applicants respectfully submit that their status identifiers of "Withdrawn - Previously Presented" and "Withdrawn - Original" comply with the permitted status identifiers listed in MPEP §714.

Applicants respectfully submit that this outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ignores the explicitly permitted status identifiers set forth in MPEP §714 and exalts form over substance. Moreover, it is not clear why the USPTO will permit "Withdrawn - Currently Amended," but not permit "Withdrawn - Original" or "Withdrawn - Previously Presented" status identifiers.

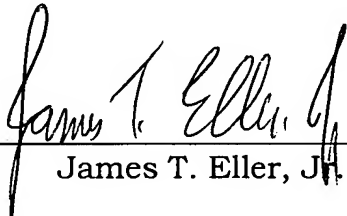
Nevertheless, in order to resolve this issue in an expeditious manner the status identifiers for claims 10-18 have been amended to "Withdrawn" as suggested by the Legal Instruments Examiner.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46,472 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP

By 
James T. Eller, Jr., #39,538

P.O. Box 747
Falls Church, VA 22040-0747
(703) 205-8000

JTE/RJW/adt 
0465-0838P

Enclosure: Revised Amendments to the Claims section of the Amendment filed September 2, 2004



PATENT
0465-0838P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	In Chul JEONG et al.	Conf.:	5490
Appl. No.:	10/052,553	Group:	1746
Filed:	January 23, 2002	Examiner:	STINSON, Frankie
For:	PULSATOR TYPE WASHING MACHINE WITH DRYING FUNCTION		

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 2, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated June 4, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: Claim Set as Amended; and Remarks.